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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the United States under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 is the attached utility patent application of

Inventors: Patrick M. White

For: **TOOL BIT DRIVE SHAFT CONNECTION AND METHOD**

ENCLOSED ARE:

- ☒ RETURN RECEIPT POSTCARD
- ☒ 13 pages of specification (inclusive of claims and abstract)
- ☒ 6 sheets of drawings
- ☒ 1 page of a Supplemental Declaration and Power ☐ executed ☒ unexecuted
- ☒ Small Entity Statement: The undersigned certifies that the Applicant is a Small Entity
- ☐ _ pages of Assignments (including recordation cover sheet)

☐ **PRIORITY CLAIM** Priority of Application Ser. No. , filed , in , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

☒ **PRIORITY CLAIM** Priority of Application Ser. No. (Unknown – Case 25NP), filed January 10, 2002 entitled “Drive Shaft Coupling”, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Ser. No. 09/860,916, filed May 18, 2001, entitled “Stress-Induced Connector Assembly”, which is a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 09/311,938 entitled “Stress Induced Seal” filed on May 14, 1999, now abandoned, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120, of which this is a continuation-in-part.

☒ **PRIORITY CLAIM** Priority of Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/262,362, filed January 11, 2001, entitled “Drive Shaft Coupling”, and of Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/338,718 filed November 6, 2001, entitled “Tool Bit Drive Shaft Connection and Method”, is claimed.

- ☐ A certified copy of each of the priority documents is enclosed.
☐ A certified translation of each priority document is enclosed.
☐ An Associate Power of Attorney.

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement

- ☐ PT0-1449
☐ Copies of references (where required)

☐ A Preliminary Amendment.

- ☐ An additional fee in the amount of \$ ___ over and above the filing fee is necessitated by this amendment. This amount is included in the check enclosed herewith.


Filing fee calculation and claim reduction instruction:

- ☐ Before calculating the filing fee, cancel claims ____.

Basic Filing Fee						\$740.00
Multiple Dependent Claims		No. filed	x Rate			
		0	\$270.00			\$0.00
Extra Claims						
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	Total	17	20	\$18.00		\$0.00
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Subtotal						\$740.00
Small Entity Reduction				50 %		\$370.00
Subtotal						\$370.00
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Total						\$370.00

- ☐ Attached is Check No. _____ in the amount of \$ 0 for payment of the filing fee (\$370.00) and the Assignment(s) Recordal fee (\$ 0.00).
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